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Title: A Computer System Being Able To Quickly Switch Between an Internal and an External Networks and a Method Thereof

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated 03/29/2007. The applicant chooses Species I, drawn to secure system, as the elected single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the invention of original claims 1-14 for examination since those elected claims read on the above elected embodiment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the method as claimed in claims 15 to 19 is a method processed by the system as claimed in claims 1-14, wherein the preamble of the method independent claim includes the elements as claimed in claim 1, i.e. a computing system having a CPU, an input unit, a first status, a second status, a switching unit and a switch program, for safely and quickly switching between an internal operating system and an external operating system, as stated in the title of the instant invention too.

Notwithstanding the propriety of the restriction requirement is discretionary on the part of the Examiner. Further, the exemplary process suggested by the Examiner does not represent "a materially different" method of making Applicant's product and therefore does not meet the criteria for distinctness as set forth in MPEP 806.05(f). Moreover, it would appear that a search and examination of the entire application can be conducted without a serious burden on the Office.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and issue an action on the merit of the claimed embodiments presently in

the application. Alternatively, should be Examiner maintain the requirement, Applicant awaits a complete action on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,




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